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1. NOW IN ITS TENTH DAY, THE POSTER CAMPAIGN CONCENTRATED AROUND THE MARTYR'S MONUMENT NI TIEN AN MEN SQUARE AND THE CHANG AN STREET WALL NEARBY THE MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SEEMS TO BE GENERATING ONE NEW POSTER DAILY. OLD POSTERS NOT YET SHREDDED BY THE COMBINATION OF SPRING WINDS AND SHOVING ONLOOKERS REMAIN IN PLACE, INCLUDING THE ONE OUTSIDE THE PEKING PARTY COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS (REFTEL).

2. THE LATEST EFFORT, DATED APRIL 10 ALTHOUGH NOT APPEARING UNTIL THE MORNING OF APRIL 13, FALLS WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF PERSONAL GRIEVANCES. SIGNIFICANTLY, PERHAPS, THE AUTHOR OF THE POSTER SIMPLY ENTITLED "APPEAL" (HU-YU-SHU) ATTEMPTS TO ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF CHAIRMAN HUA AND HIS FOUR PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN IN RECTIFYING AN OLD INJUSTICE COMMITTED AGAINST HIM IN
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SHENYANG, LIAONING. AUTHOR CHANG HSING-CHENG, WHO PROVIDES A CURRENT ADDRESS AT THE PEKING AREA MAN-CHUAN COMMUNE, PRESUMABLY DREW THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION FROM THE RECENT BARRAGE OF ARTICLES EXPOSING WRONGDOING AND COVER UP IN THE NORTHEAST: NORTHEASTERN LEADERS AND POLICIES ARE FAIR GAME FOR PUBLIC CRITICISM.

3. CHANG, WHO HAD GRADUATED IN THE EARLY 1950S WITH A DEGREE IN LITERATURE, WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK AT A PUBLICATION. HE RAN AFOUL OF SHENYANG AUTHORITIES IN 1953, HOWEVER, AND WAS REMOVED. CHANG CLAIMS THAT DESPITE HIS CREDENTIALS AND HIS PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION FOR A POST AT THE CENTRAL MOVIE BUREAU, HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO WORK IN HIS CHOSEN PROFESSION FROM THE TIME OF KAO KANG'S DOMINATION IN SHENYANG (1953) THROUGH THE PERIOD OF THE GANG OF FOUR.

4. ADDRESSING "WISE" CHAIRMAN HUA AND HIS POLYBURO STANDING COMMITTEE ASSOCIATES IN RESPECTFUL TERMS, CHANG APPEALS FOR A CENTRAL REVIEW OF HIS CASE - THE CURRENT SHENYANG LEADERSHIP, IT SEEMS, HAD DENIED HIS REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO APPROPRIATE WORK AND HAD PASSED THE BUCK TO THE CENTER -- AND OF THE PLIGHT OF ALL "UNEMPLOYED" (SHIH-YE) INTELLECTUALS AND PERSONS TRAINED IN THE ARTS AND LITERATURE. SUCH MEMBERS OF THE MALIGNED "STINKING NINTH CATEGORY," CHANG GOES ON, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PRODUCTIVE AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY.

5. THE POSTER ATTRACTED FAIR-SIZED CROWDS OF SILENT ONLOOKERS. THE CONTENT OF IT DID NOT SEEM TO EVOKE MUCH INTEREST, HOWEVER.
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